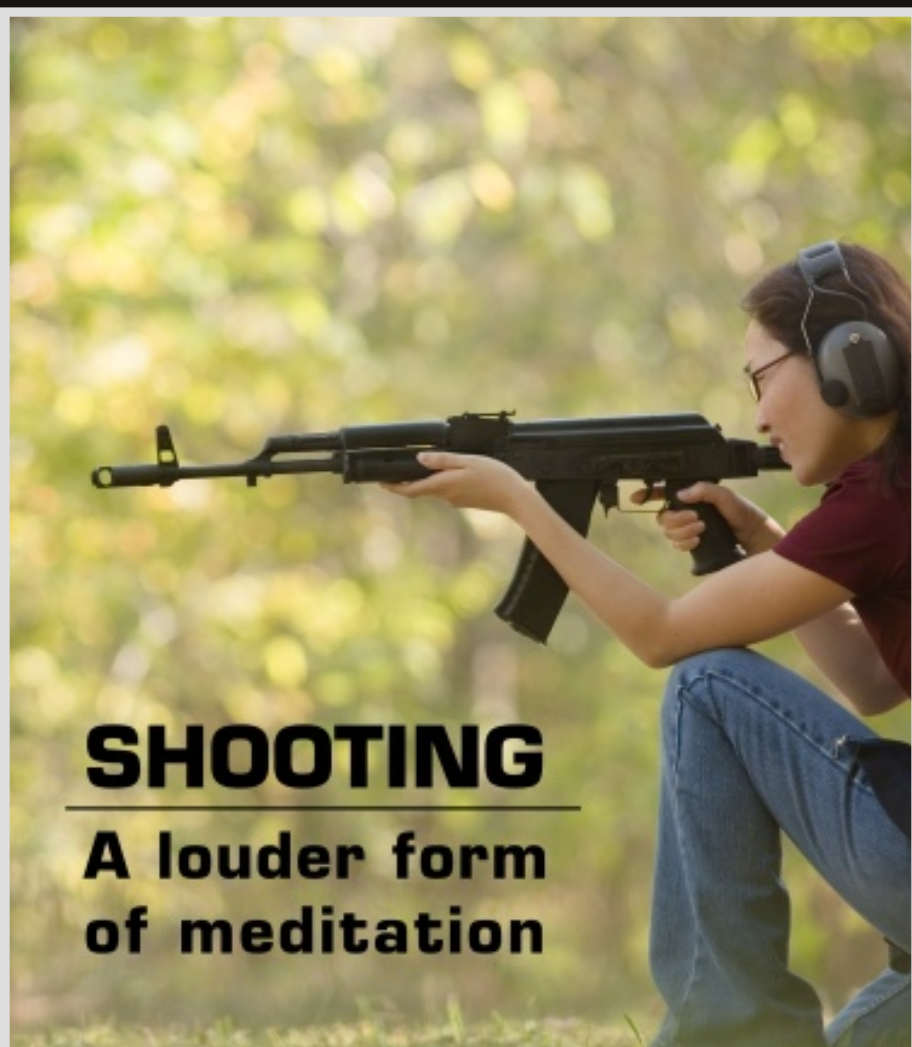


The Bull Shooter

April 2014 Newsletter



SHOOTING

**A louder form
of meditation**

*Have fun, be safe, and take a new
shooter to the range!*

THANK YOU TO.....

-Ralph Walker and his business for donating a computer to the range for upgrading our system and doing the install of our new Financial program.

-Bob Beeman for all your hard work over the years, you will be sorely missed.

-All the volunteers who step up every month and help with membership night, ongoing and one time projects, and all the tiny tasks that make your range run as smoothly as it does.

-Les Keator for his countless hours of maintenance work keeping the building and range up and running everytime something breaks.

Coming In April:

April 5: 8am-5pm NRA Personal Protection in the Home call Linda Hill 568-2491

April 7: New Member Sign Up Night 5pm-7pm

April 12: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958

April 13: NRA Basic Pistol Class Call Jeff at Double Tap to Register 784-1920

April 14: Monthly Board Meeting 7-9pm

April 15: Tax Day, have you paid for your government waste yet?

April 19: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958

April 20: Easter Sunday

April 27: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958

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WOMEN ON TARGET IS COMING UP!

The NRA Foundation and Women on Target™ Presents a women only Firearm Shooting Instructional Clinic Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 7:30 a.m.(sign in) - 5:00 p.m. At Cactus Flats Shooting Range 4612 County Rd. 123, Penrose, CO (From Pueblo go west on US 50, turn North (right) on Phantom Canyon Rd., go 1 ½ miles, turn right, and drive ½ mile and turn right and go in under the iron gate of Cactus Flats Range, go to Range office).

Haven't shot before?? There's no time like the present ... Learn from experienced instructors in a safe, non-competitive atmosphere. Women of all ages are invited to participate, regardless of skill level or experience. We will cover Rifles, Pistols, Shotguns, Archery and Personal Protection for the Home. Please come join us for learning, fun and meet some new friends! You will learn: Safe Gun Handling Skills; Ammunition Basics; Fundamentals of Marksmanship and Much More! A variety of firearms will be available for your use. Ammunition, targets, and other shooting essentials will be provided. Ear and eye protection will be available. Please dress for the weather and active participation!

A Fee of \$90 is required by May 10, 2014 to confirm your reservation.

Cancellations May 10, 2014 or after will receive 50% refund.

Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

For more info: Linda Hill -- 719-547-1934 or 719-568-2491

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Do you have suggestions or feedback for the Bullshooter? Email us at: newsletter@pueblosshooters.org
You should also visit our website at www.pueblosshooters.org to be kept up to date on events affecting our range.

Training Tips

by Jeff Belanger- Instructor, Gunsmith, Double Tap, LLC

In my ongoing missive to try and help some of you improve your shooting skills, and especially for those of you who were unable to attend Rick and Patrick's mini seminar this month we're going to talk a bit about the final error I see most commonly when coaching shooters: Aiming. Please, keep reading- I know you're all thinking "I know how to aim my dadburn gun, I've been doing it since they invented dirt..." Maybe so, but are you doing it correctly? There are four elements to consider when aiming, from near to far they are your eye, your rear sight, your front sight, and your target.

First off a little discussion about your eye. We as humans have what the fancy science people would call binocular vision. This means we see very well to our front, and pretty good on the periphery. While this gives us excellent depth perception, our eyes are limited in that they can only focus at one given distance any any single time. A bit more on this shortly.

Your pistol's rear sight is typically some type of "U" notch. The most rudimentary of rear sights may simply be a groove in the top of the frame or slide (sometimes it's even found solely on the face of the hammer), while at the opposite end of the spectrum you can find windage and elevation adjustable sights some of which may have white dots, fiber optics, or even tritium vials inserted in them so that they'll glow in the dark.

Your pistol's front sight is typically a variation of a small post. Some are bigger than others, and will typically mimic the rear sight if you have dots, fiber optics, or tritium dots

tritium dots for low light shooting. Your target, be it bullseye or bad guy is where the rubber meets the road. It's also where most people go wrong when aiming a handgun. So without any more rambling, here's how to do it right.

The first thing you need to do is align your front sight post in the notch of your rear sight. The front and rear sights should be even across the top and showing an equal gap on each side of the front sight. This is called **SIGHT ALIGNMENT**. When you place your properly aligned sights on target, (generally speaking your rounds should impact right at the tip of the front sight post or slightly above it) you will now have what is called your **SIGHT PICTURE**. This is where most people have trouble. Because your eye can only focus at one distance and you have three items at different distances that you're trying to align (Front sight, rear sight and target), the natural tendency is to focus on your target. It's a natural reaction, when you walk or drive you focus on where you want to go, not on the telephone pole passing by, or the license plate of the car to your front. Your mind views the target in the same light, it's the objective- you want to travel there vicariously through that little bullet, so you look where you're "going". Don't. This most often results in shooting all around your target with no apparent rhyme or reason.

To really tighten up those groups you want all that concentration focused on your FRONT SIGHT instead. Ensure that your front sight is in clear focus, your rear sight and target will appear a bit fuzzy, but that's okay. If your sights have dots, tritium, or fiber optics that's great- but they really mean almost nothing. They are there simply to help your eye find the sights in low light. Aligning the dots instead of the sights will almost always cause your group to stray in one direction or another. Align the sights, focus on the front sight and be mindful of your trigger control and your groups WILL improve. Give it a try!! Have fun and be safe, see you on the range.

UPCOMING MINI SEMINAR!!

Our next mini seminar on presentation and drawing from the holster will be coming up in April (hopefully). This seminar will be hosted once again by Rick Sindband and Patrick Watts. If you want to improve your draw stroke or learn how to present your firearm from the holster smoothly should you ever need to defend yourself, come to our mini seminar and draw on Rick and Pat's extensive concealed carry and law enforcement experience. Date and time are being worked out currently, please check www.havegunwilltraincolorado.com for details, or call Rick at 821-3958

WE LOST A FRIEND

It is with much sadness that I inform our membership of the passing of Mr. Robert (Bob) Beeman.

Bob was a long time member of PMS, and spent many hours seeing that our grounds and inside of our range was kept clean and orderly. Bob made himself available for every major project that the range had going.

Many of you may have not known Bob, partly because he would do his volunteer work very early in the mornings (typically 5 or 6 a.m.).

Mr. Beeman was a very good friend of mine and a true friend of Pueblo Municipal Shooters.

Our deepest condolences to Bob's Family.

-Leonard Jimenez and all the members of PMS, Inc.

February 28, 2014 Financials:

At the time we went to print, we have not yet received the February financial numbers. Please contact our treasurer Linda Hill if you would like to know any of the information typically provided in this spot.

Please contact our Treasurer, Linda Hill 547-1934 with any questions regarding the financial report.

SPRING LEAGUE IS STARTING!!!

MARCH , 2014 to MAY 2, 2014
6 WEEK LEAGUE

CATEGORIES: 2 PERSON TEAMS:
.22 HANDGUN
CENTERFIRE HANDGUN
DOUBLE ACTION ONLY REVOLVERS
WOMEN'S .22 HANDGUN
WOMEN'S CENTERFIRE HANDGUN
RIFLE WITH OPTICS
RIFLE OPEN SIGHTS
WOMEN'S RIFLE

SINGLES W/ minimum 4 participants in any category.

There must be 3 teams in any category for the event to take place. If there are not 3 teams shooting will be scored on an individual basis. Handicaps will be used. First time shooters shoot scratch first night. More info at www.pueblosshooters.org

\$20 per person per category

First, Second and Third Prize For Each Category
Range Safety Rules will be used. No Spotting
Scopes. No retrieval of targets prior to shooting being complete. Too many rounds – highest scoring shot will not be counted. Too few shots – score.
Substitute shooters do not pay. All scores will be posted weekly. Decision of the judges is final!
For more information please contact Linda @ 568-2491 or Dan @ 671-7431.
Sign up: Online at www.pueblosshooters.org or March 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Personnel Needed: 2 Range Safety Officers per evening, 4 Scorers per evening, 2 Sub's per evening.
See you there!!!